Idle power homes in Orissa

*105. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of big power houses which have been lying idle for more than one year in Orissa; and what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) when these power houses are likely to go into operation?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) There is no large power house in Orissa which has been lying idle.

(b) Does not arise.

*106. [*Transferred to the 6th March, 1986*].

*107. [*Withdrawn.*]

Resentment amongst the ONGC personnel in Bodra Drilling project

*108. SHRI R. K. PODDAR:
SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Business Standard dated, 3rd December, 1985 regarding the resentment amongst the oil and Natural Gas Commission personnel working in Bodra drilling project in the 24-Parganas district in West Bengal for the induction of American experts over and above the Indian and Soviet experts;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such resentment and how Government propose to solve the problem;

(c) whether that has caused any set-back to the project; and

(d) whether the induction of American experts was unavoidable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OR PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No resentment has been reported by the ONGC.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The assistance was considered desirable to resolve the technical problems encountered in drilling.

Study on working of the BCCL

*109. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for appointment of a Committee to make an in-depth study of the working of Bharat Coking Coal Limited, a subsidiary of Coal India Limited:

(b) if so, the names and the number of the Committee's members; and

(c) what are its terms of reference and when is it likely to submit a report to the Government of India?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) A Committee with Shri A. N. Banerjee, retired Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Limited as the Chairman and S/shri U. N. Jha, retired Chief Mining Engineer, H. S. Ahuja, retired Director General of Mines Safety, N. R. Mitra, retired Chairman-cum-Managing Director, BCCL, B. Swaminathan, former Adviser,Bureau of Public Enterprises and D. V. Paranjpe, former Director, (Technical), Singareni Collieries Company Ltd., as the Members and Shri R. K. Yashroy, General Manager, Western Coalfields Ltd., as the Member-Secretary, has been appointed in January, 1986 by the Department of Coal to